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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 606

Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bill Berryhill, Garrick, Gorell,
Jeffries, and Olsen)
(Coauthors: Senators La Malfa and Wolk)

February 16, 2011

An act to add Section 1507 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish and wildlife resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 606, as amended, Gatto. Hunting and fishing.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to enter into contracts for fish and wildlife habitat preservation, restoration, and enhancement with public and private entities whenever the department finds that the contracts will assist in meeting the department's duty to preserve, protect, and restore fish and wildlife.

The Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947 specifically authorizes the Wildlife Conservation Board to authorize the Department of Fish and Game to acquire real property, including easements, for the benefit of wildlife.

This bill would require the department to ~~permit wildlife-dependent recreational activities, including, but not limited to, hunting and fishing~~

allow compatible hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities, on land subject to a wildlife conservation easement or a fish and wildlife habitat contract, except as specifically prohibited in the applicable easement, contract, or memorandum of understanding, or by other applicable law.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1507 is added to the Fish and Game Code,
2 to read:
3 1507. (a) Except as specifically prohibited in the applicable
4 easement, contract, or memorandum of understanding, or by other
5 applicable law, the department shall ~~permit wildlife-dependent~~
6 ~~recreational activities, including, but not limited to, hunting and~~
7 ~~fishing~~ *allow compatible hunting, fishing, and other recreational*
8 ~~activities~~, on either of the following:
9 (1) Land subject to a wildlife conservation easement pursuant
10 to Article 3 (commencing with Section 1345) of Chapter 4.
11 (2) Land subject to a contract for fish and wildlife habitat
12 preservation, restoration, and enhancement pursuant to Section
13 1501.5.
14 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect an existing
15 wildlife conservation easement, contract, or memorandum of
16 understanding entered into before January 1, 2012.
17 (c) This section does not affect a landowner's authority to
18 lawfully restrict public access.